Threat of non-communicable diseases

2299. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the warning of the World Health Organisation that non-communicable diseases would account for over 55 per cent of deaths in India by 2020;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps to creat awareness among the public for adopting the basic life style changes as recommended by WHO;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. As the major non-communicable disease like Diabetes, Cardio-Vascular Diseases (CVD), Cancer etc. are life style related diseases, it is very important to adopt preventive lifestyle intervention measures such as healthy diet, increased physical activity, avoidance to tobacco and stress, weight reduction etc. These interventions are being emphasized through information, education & communication (IEC) activities of the Government including through Central Health Education Bureau (CHEB). Health Melas are also organized throughout the country from time to time in which various Central and State Organizations participate and disseminate health awareness messages.

In addition, the National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) has an IEC component for creating awareness, which is implemented through the District Cancer Control Programme, the Non-Governmental Organizations and the Regional Cancer Centres, Cancer awareness programmes are telecast through Kalyani Tele Magazine of Prasar Bharti in 8 States.

Health care facilities in Orissa

2300. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cash-strapped State of Orissa lags far behind in comparison to the other States in providing health services;